

StabBack

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This is STABBACK, a monthly journal of Diplomacy and other Diplomacy variants. These variants are 1898 and 1939. 1898 is a 12 player global Diplomacy game and 1939 is a 5 player game of World War Two. Subscriptions are 10/\$4.00. Game Fee is \$5.00, plus subscription. STABBACK is edited and published by: Howard R. Christie, P.O. Box 115, Millville, PA 17846 Phone Number: (717) 458-5790

Timing is everything. It is as important to know
when as to know how.

Welcome to the sixth issue of STABBACK. The purpose of this zine is for the playing of postal Diplomacy. I will be running 4 regular Diplomacy, 1 1898 game, and 1 1939. Game turns will run ever 21 days, rain, snow or shine. If you need a copy of the house rules, just send a S.A.S.E. The next issue of STABBACK will be published November 4. The deadline for all game turns will be November 2, 2100 hrs.

James Early receives one free issue for his cartoon that he set in. I will accept any articles, cartoons, jokes, etc. Just feel free to express yourself. This issue sees the return of the maps. The people that wanted the maps made their opinion well known to me. 80% of you wanted the maps and 20% didn't want the maps or really didn't care one way or the other.

This is a first for STABBACK. If you have already looked at the zine you have seen the changes. The maps have been placed two to a page, but the biggest change is that you have the zine on both front and backsides. I hope you like this extended effort on my part.

STANDBIES

If your name appears below you are on STABBACK's standby list. If you want on or off just let me know. Any player that plays out a standby position will receive three free issues to STABBACK.

Brumbaugh Clough. Early. Turner. Smith. McKinnon. Young. Christie. Bruck. Coope

AUSTRIA (James Early): a TRI-ven; a vie-TYL; a GAL s ga sil-war; f ion-NAP
a SER s ta bul-rum

ENGLAND (Philip Cooper): a pic-BRE; f ENG s ea pic-bre; f lon-WAL: f SWE s
gf bal-bot

FRANCE (Jay Brumbaugh): a bur-PIC; a mar-GAS; f por-hold; f bre*s fa bur-
gas

GERMANY (Andy Clough): a ruh-BUR; a BEL s ga ruh-bur; a MUN s ga ruh-bur
a sil-WAR; f bal-BOT

ITALY (Jamie Young): a pie-MAR; a TUS-ven; f tun-ION

RUSSIA (Bob Smith): f STP(sc)-bot; a UNK s ra war-hold; a war*hold; f sev*
held; (otb)

TURKEY (Steven McKinnon): a arm-SEV; a RUM-unk; a BUL-rum; f BLA s ta arm-
sev; f ank-CON

Following Spring 1901 moves, Russia retreated a Gal-War. The French fleet must retreat to Mid, Gas, or otb. The Russia army War must retreat to Pru, Liv, Mos, or otb. The Russian fleet Sev had to be taken off the board per the rules. Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit postions. The Winter 1902 builds and removals are due by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so they arrive by 9:00PM on October 19. Spring 1903 orders will be due at 9:00 PM on Friday, November 2. The supply center chart is shown below:

A - home, gre, nap, ser	(6) Build 1
E - home, bre, nwy, swe	(6) Build 1
F - par , par, por , por, bel	(2) Remove 2
G - home, bel, hol, den, war	(7) Build 2
I - mar, ven, rom, tun, mar	(4) Build 1
R - mos , mos, stp , stp	(2) Remove 2
T - home, bul, rum, sev	(6) Build 1

PRESS:

GERMANY-FRANCE: Do you ever plan to take Spain? I remember offering it to you back in Spring 1901. (Wasn't that nice of me?) Now you don't even take me up on my offer. Huh! I'm insulted.

GERMANY-TURKEY: My neighbors arn't very nice. England goes after France's Brest & Austria attacks Italy's Naple. Isn't that terrible?

GERMANY-ITALY: Helloooooo dowwwwn theeeerrre! Is there anybody hoomme?

GERMANY-ENGLAND: Wasn't it Swede of me to offer you most of Scandinavia?

VIENNA-ROME: So I lied!

VIENNA: Messrs. Early, King, and Perry of Pasadena would like to challenge Messrs. Clough, Bruck, and Young of Culver City to a game. This game is know to you smog-breathers as "TAG", but down here in Texas we call it "KILLER". Come down to Texas sometime you guys, and let us show you how its done.

VIENNA: The Kaiser-Kaiser chess game goes on with its first bloodshed!

WHITE = GERMANY

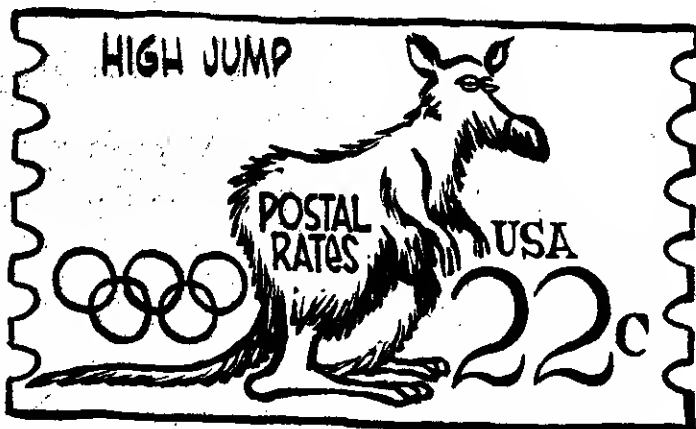
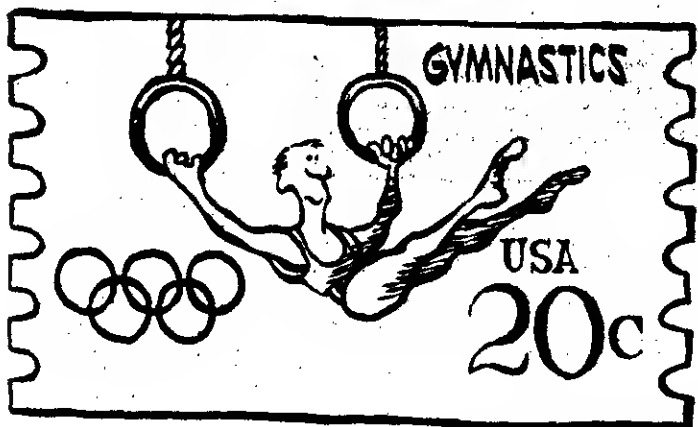
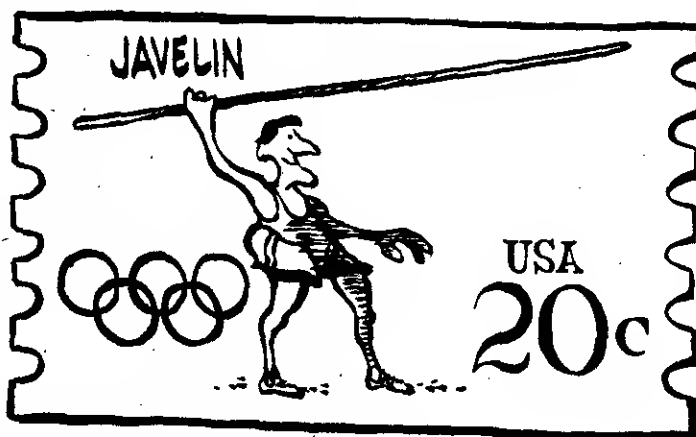
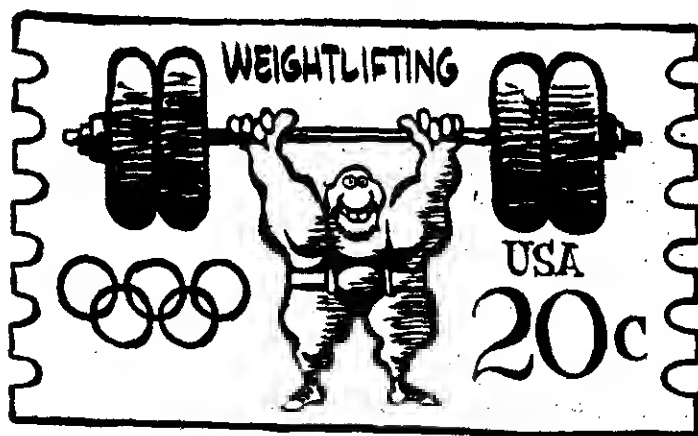
5. Q-Q3
6. P-K4

black + austria

O-O
PXP

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ITALIAN MILITARY IN REVOLT
RUSSIANS INVADE NORWAY

SPRING 1902

AUSTRIA (Eric Jurgelit): a GAL-rum; a BUD s aa gal-rum; a SER s af tri-
gre; (imp) f tri-gre; (nsu) f ALB-hold; Built A Bud

ENGLAND (James Early): a bel-PIC; f ENG s ea bel-pic; f nwy-SWE; f lpl-
IRI; f edi-NWG; Built F Lpl, Edi

FRANCE (Robert Smith): a BRE-pic; a PAR-bur; f mar-GOL; a spn-MAR;
f por-MID; Built A Par, F Mar

GERMANY (Philip Cooper): a hol-BEL, a kie-RUH, a MUN-bur; a ber-SIL;
f DEN-bal; Built A Ber, Kie

ITALY (Kevin Turner): ~~NMR~~!!! 1 short; a pie, a tun, f tyh all hold

RUSSIA (Jay Husber): a stp-NWY; a UNK s rf rum; a WAR-gal; f BOT-bal;
f RUM s ta bul; Built A Stp

TURKEY (James Young): a con-GRE; a BUL s ta con-gre; f AEG c ta con-gre;
f sym-EAS; Built F Sym

Would Jay Brumbaugh (1534 Bluegrass Cove, Germantown, TN 38138)
take over the Italian postion as a standby. Underlined moves fail and
capital letters show unit postions. The deadline for Fall orders are
due by 9:00PM on Friday, November 2.

PRESS:

AUSTIA-WORLD: Hello??? Anybody there??? I understand that times are
tough but not writing is unexcusable!! If you guys can
not even write then why play the game.

AUSTRIA-RUSSIA: Well I must say that I am impressed on you're writing
style. I am also impressed that you were the only one
to write me.

AUSTRIA-EUROPE: I am unimPRESSed by the inability of the other countries
to write press no matter how stupid it may be.

ST PETE-LONDON: You're so ugly, when you were born, they slapped your
mother instead of you.

ST PETE-CONSTANTINOPLE: OK - well flip a coin for Vienna!

ST PETE-BERLIN: Tsk, tsk, tsk-you're word is obviously no good! Let's
hear the excuse for this one.

ST PETE-PARIS: Change your name to Houdini!

ST PETE-ROME: Look to the East!

ST PETE-VIENNA: You can get pumpernickel bread elsewhere besides the
Ukraine!

MORE 1984CT PRESS:

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: You are welcome to have any saviile row suits you like.
(God knows you need them!)

LONDON: At the suggestion of a friend and GM of mine, Jeff Richmond, I may not send anymore Rush press. I personally feel that Rush has exceptional lyrics for a rock band and that those lyrics rival the best poetry of today. I would like to hear evryone's opinon on this subject, especially yours Howard. Should Rush stay or should they go? It's your decison.

ENGLAND-GERMANY: Let's get moving, old man!

ENGLAND-AUSTRIA: Fear not! Help is on its way!

ENGLAND-ITALY: Shape up or ship out!

GM-ENGLAND: Concering Rush, This may show my age but I like Rush and own 4 of their records.

MORE 1984HN PRESS:

VIENNA-WORLD: I'm sorry I haven't written back to some of you, but I've been hampered by a very painful disease.(osteocondritis)
I'll explain when I write you in the next move.

1898

I don't know if this game will be played or not? The intrest in it seems to have gone away. I have only recived three game fees and 4 people sending me money for the maps. What is the story? If by next issue I don't get a good responce I will drop this game. Maybe a youngstown game. I don't really care one way or another. If you want to play the Youngstown game I have about 7 copies of the rules and maps for this game, so let me know one way or another. If no intrest at all is shown, both games will be dropped.

MOVING

Yea, no one is moving this month.

Corrections Paul Schembari lives in Syracuse , NY
Steven McKinnon lives at RPI not RP1

AUSTRIA (Doug King): a VIE-gal; a BUD s aa vie-gal; a tri-ALB; a SER s af gre; f GRE s if nap-ion; (nso) Built A Bud, Vie

ENGLAND (Chris Bruck): a Bel-hold; f ENG s ea bel; f lon-NTH; f edi-NWG; f NWY s rf bot-ser; (imp) Built F Lon, Edi

GERMANY (Fred Hyatt): a hol-KIE; a ruh-MUN; a mun-SIL; a BER s ga mun-sil; f den-SWE; Built A Mun, Ber

FRANCE (Steven McKinnon): a mar-BUR; a par-PIC; a SPN-mar; f mid-BRE; Built A Mar

ITALY (Greg Doyle): a PIE-mar; a VEN-hold; f tun-WES; f nap-TYH; Built F Nap

RUSSIA (Willis Beaver): a sil-PRU; a WAR s ra gal; a GAL s rf rum; f bot-BAL; f RUM s ta bul; Built A War

TURKEY (Pete Satirstein): a SMY-holds; a BUL s tf aeg-gre; f Aeg-gre; f CON s ta bul; Built F Con

Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit postions. The deadline for Fall orders are due by 9:00PM on Friday, November 2.

PRESS:

RUSSIA-AUSRIA: Hey, I took a shot.

RUSSIA -ITALY: Look East young man, look east.

RUSSIA-FRANCE: The Czar is happy to see the French domestic problems ironed out.

ITALY-FRANCE: Is it RPI or RP1 college? Do you Know any girls from Russell Sage? How about Alison Doyle?

AUSTRIA-ITALY: I think we should attack each other, so Turkey won't think we are allied, of course you realize that means war.

AUSTRIA--CZAR PETER I: You realize that means war.

AUSRIA-FRANCE: Is anybody home?

AUSTRIA-GERMANY: I think we should attack each other, so Russia won't think we are allied.

AUSTRIA-ENGLAND: I wish we could attack each other, so nobody would think we are allied. (Russia)

TEXAS-CALIFORNIA: To many damn yankee's.

AUSTRIA (Micheal Perry): a VIE-gal; a bud-SER; f tri-ALB
ENGLAND (Hugh Christie): a lpl-EDI; f lon-NTH; f edi-NWG
FRANCE (Paul Schembari): a par-BUR; a MAR s fa par-bur; f bre-MID
GERMANY (Chris Downs): a mun-RUH; a ber-KIE; f kie-DEN
ITALY (Philip Cooper): a ven-TYO; a rom-APU; f nap-ION
RUSSIA (Fred Hyatt): a WAR-gal; a mos-SEV; f sev-RUM; f stp(sc)-BOT
TURKEY (Chris Bruck): a con-BUL; a sym-CON; f ank-BLA

Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit postions. The deadline for Fall 1901 orders is 10:00 pm on Friday, November 2. The Boardman Number 1984HN has been assigned to this game. Players should use 1984HN for all corespondence concering this game.

PRESS:

ST. PETE-VIENNA: Since you did not deign to reply to my letter, I have no choice but to block a possible move by you into Galicia. If this leads to war between us, let the sin be on your head!

ST. PETE-ROME: I assume you keep your promies?!

ENGLAND-WORLD: If at ever instant of its flight a knife is at rest in a space equal to its length, when does it move?

ENGLAND-FRANCE: Your fog machine worked, lack of visibility caused London to enter the North Sea.

ENGLAND-~~GERMANY~~ Northern air is clearer and healthier.

FRANCE-ENGLAND: When we (unroyally) so O.K., I, uh..., I mean you do O.K. No silly E-F Wars!

RADIO FREE FRANCE: Having re-awakened the French ties to Rome, all hostilities against the Italians are retracted. How could the French-Italian Bishop Schembari even favor an attack on the most Holy of cities? Instead, the Germanic tribes needed some quietting.

VIENNA-WORLD: I'd watch those Russians & Turks, they're up to something.

VIENNA-CONSTANTINOPLE: Overconfidence gives way to CONSPIRACY!!!

VIENNA-MUNICH: Let's cruise dude!

VIENNA-CONSTANTINOPLE: If you think I am going to build F TRI, then you lack a great amount of grey matter.

The start of STABBACK #5 is being annouced in this issue. This is not a regular game but my new WW II variant, 1939. The rules and maps are on the next two pages. I am considering on opening another 1939 game if there is enough intrest. The players, their postions, and their addresses are shown below:

ENGLAND: Chris Bruck - 5015 Fairbanks Ave., Culver City, CA 90230
 FRANCE: James Early - 3705 Uruagaury Dr., Pasadena, TX 77504
 GERMANY: Hugh Christie - 43 E. Houston Ave., Montgomery, PA 17752
 ITALY: Fred Hyatt - 60 Grandview Place, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043
 RUSSIA: Philip Cooper - 752 60th St., Apt 1C, Bklyn. NY 11220

The Miller number for this game will appear in the next issue of STABBACK. Players should use STABBACK #5 for all corespondence concering this game. The deadline for Spring 1939 is 9:00PM on Friday, November 2.

PICTURE CONTEST:

Who every can guess who this smiling face belongs to will win 1 free issue to STABBACK. I am asking for pictures of the subscribers of STABBACK. I will be placing a picture of one person an issue. So the contest will go for sometime. The reason I am doing this is so that the readers will get to know one another. Plus I would like to see everone's ugly face. The rules are you only get to vote once. I may even print up coments on the photo. Below is the first unlucky soul.

Who am I?




New Zine; Seven's a Crowd

Andy Clough, Chris Bruck and Dan Williams have started a new zine called "Seven's a Crowd". This little group from Culver City looks like they will be putting out a class A effort. I will be playing in a game myself. If you want more info. just give Andy or Chris a call.

1939


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1. The 1976 Diplomacy rules are used except as follows.
 2. The game begins in Spring 1939. Player countries and initial units are as follows:
FRANCE: F Brest, A Paris, A Marseilles, A North Africa
ENGLAND: F London, F Edinburgh, A Liverpool, A Egypt
GERMANY: F Kiel, A Berlin, A Prussia, A Munich
ITALY: F Naples, A Rome, A Venice, A Libya
RUSSIA: F Lenigard, F Sevastople, A Moscow, A Urals
 3. Finland, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, and Yugoslavia are occupied by an army in civil disorder. This army represents that countries armed forces.
 4. Kiel, Denmark, and Constantinople act as kiel, Denmark, and Constantinople, respectively, in standard Diplomacy for movement purposes.
 5. Spain and Morocco, Silcey and Naples these four spaces act as Land brigdes for movement of armies and fleets.
 6. The northern portion of lenigard becomes a new province, Archangel. This contains a special Build center (not a supply center) for Russia: If Russia still owns Lenigard, and she is otherwise entitled to a build, she may build a unit in Archangel.
 7. A High Ocean Box is added at the SW edge of the board. It borders 3 bodies of water, as indicated by the arrows on the map. Any number of fleets may be in the HOB at any one time, so that fleets in the HOB may not be attacked and dislodged.
 8. Spain and Finland both have a North and South coast.
 9. Western Med Borders on Mid Alantic and South Alantic, and Visa Versa.
 10. The total amount of supply centers are 38. The victory criterion for 1939 is 20 supply centers.
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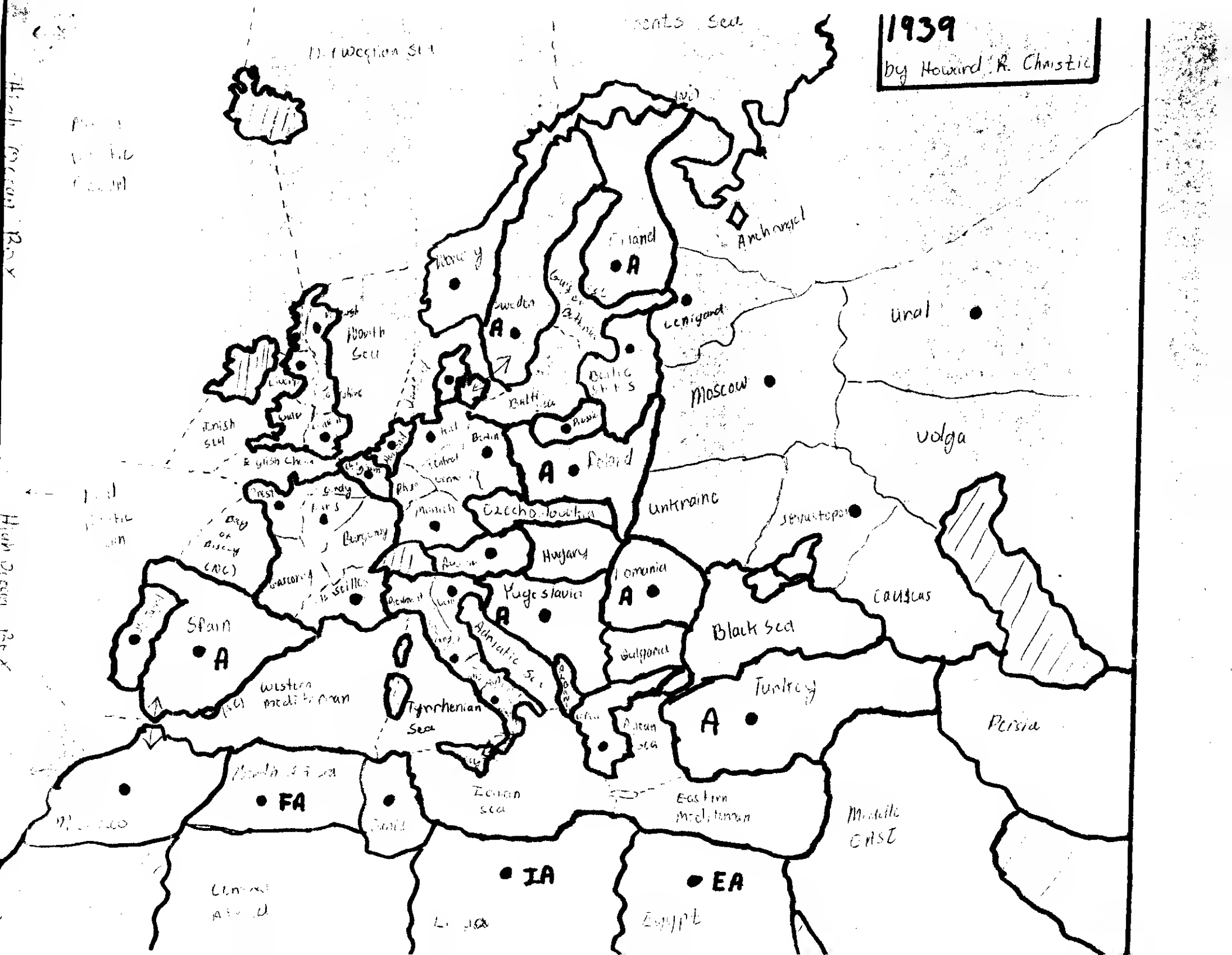
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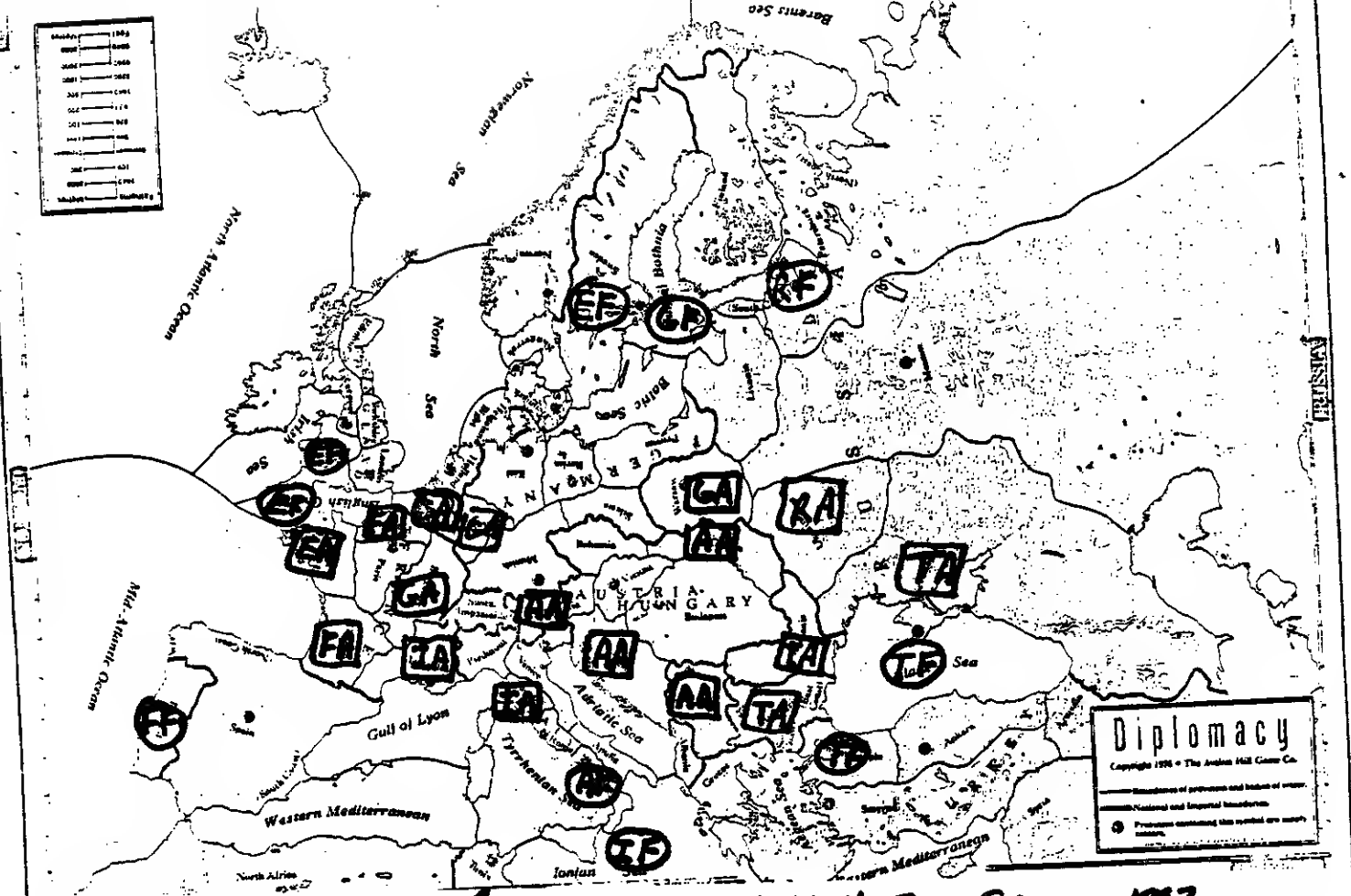
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 = impassable

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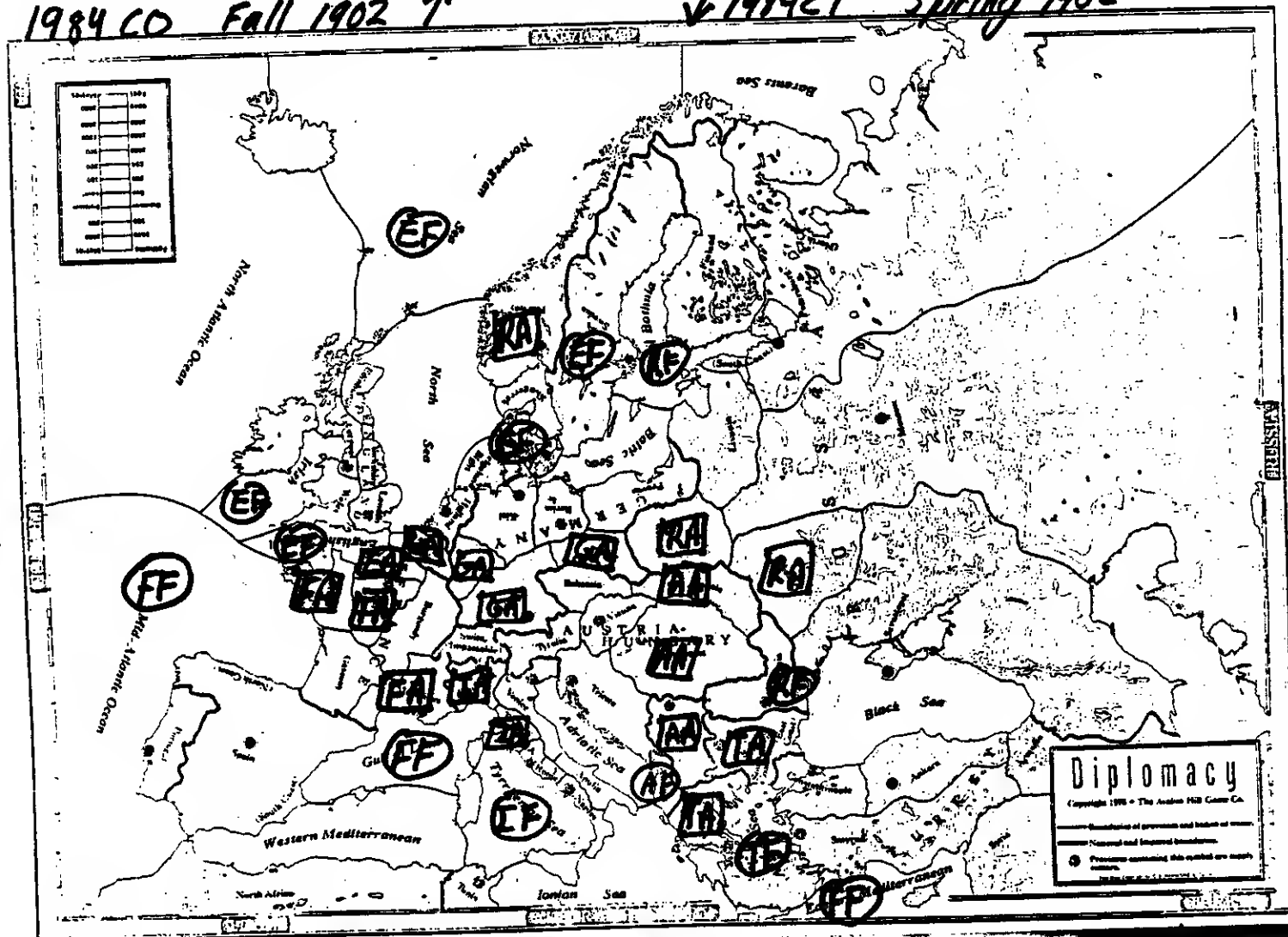
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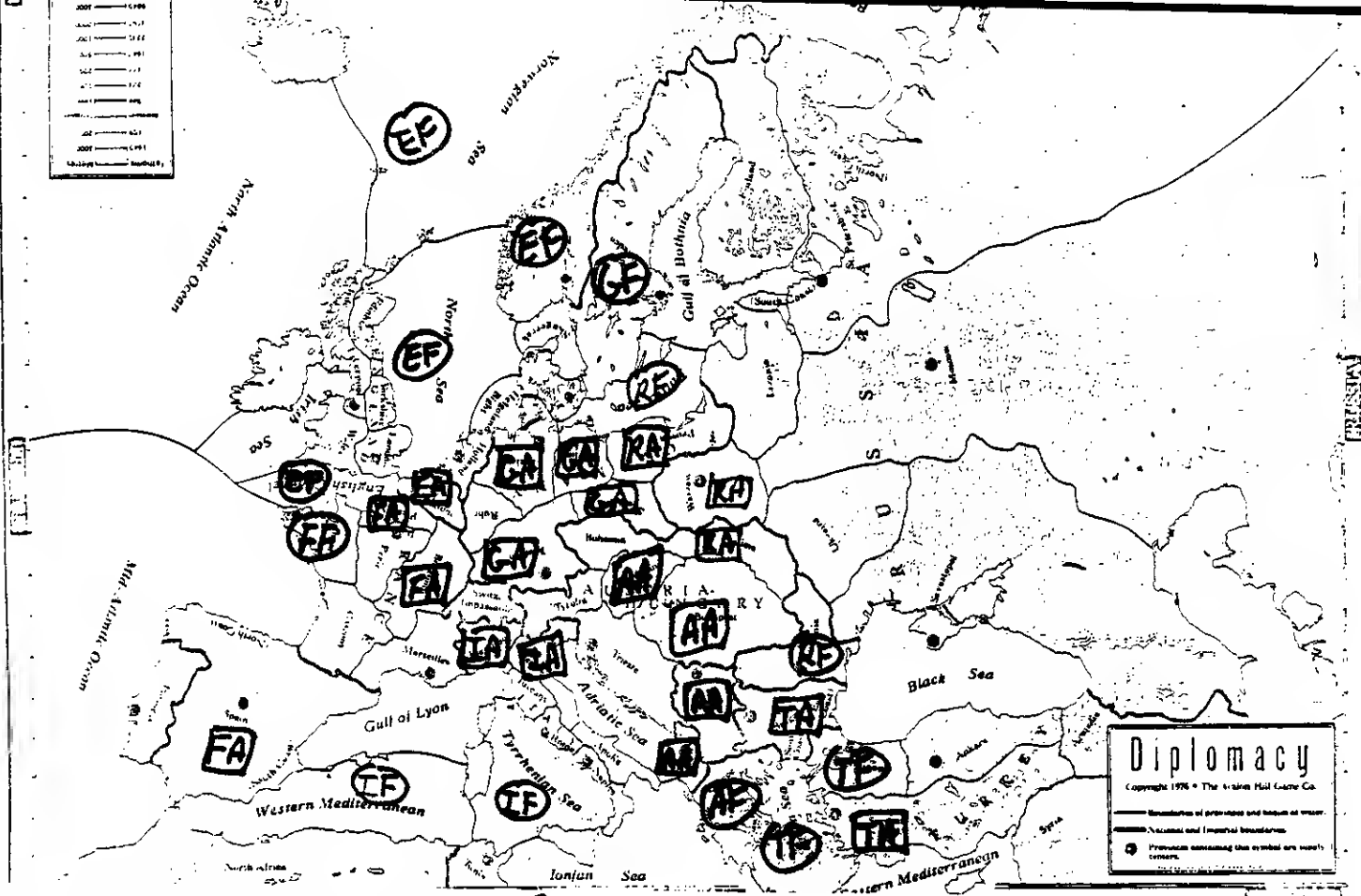




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